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Minister of Labor and Social Welfare Evzen Erban speaking of the state of labor manpower at a meeting of the social-political and health committee of the National Assembly on 28 June 1950, disclosed the following:

The following number of persons, on the average, changed employment each month in the Czech Provinces: 79,000 in 1947, 67,000 in 1948, and 56,000 in 1949. Some of this turnover was desirable.

Office workers constituted 17 percent of the total industrial manpower in the Czech Provinces in October 1949. Despite the decrease in population, there were 200,000 more industrial office workers in 1947 than in 1930. The situation is similar in the trade sector.

Absenteeism amounted to 9.6 percent in 1949. This proportion represents a loss of approximately 112,000 man-years. Illnesses and injuries accounted for 72 percent of the days lost. The greatest absenteeism is recorded in the mines, transportation-equipment industry, metallurgical plants, and in the construction industry.

There was an increase of 35,000 working women during the first quarter of 1947 in the Czech Provinces. This number was raised to 68,000 for the first quarter of 1950.

Of the total number of citizens of Gypsy origin, 62,000 men and women are fit for work and of those 91 percent are permanently settled and working.

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